

- The early church did it.

See Acts 5:42-6:7

- The apostle Paul did it.

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2

- Peter did it.

*“1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:
2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;
3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;
4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”*
I Peter 5:1-4

- C. The results are maturity for the pastors and the members.

*“24 So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.
25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26 So they judged the people at all times; the hard_[d] cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.
27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own land.”*
Exodus 18:24-27

LET THE PASTORS “MOVE OVER”

GET IN THE GAME Let The Pastors “Move Over” Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Football season is here! Football is 22 people on the field who desperately need a break being watched by thousands of people in the stands who desperately need exercise.

Sadly this sounds a lot like the Church.

20% of the people doing 80% of the work.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET IN THE GAME.

Not everyone is gifted to play football, but everyone is gifted to serve God.

*“10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 ... If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified...”*

I Peter 4:10-11b

- B. God doesn't want you sitting on the bench or hanging out on the sidelines. He wants you in the game using your gifts to minister to others. Our Get In The Game Teaching Series will show you four “moves” to make for winning at serving.

Aug 20	Join Our T.E.A.M.!
Aug 27	Let God's Spirit “Move In”
TODAY	Let The Pastors “Move Over”
Sep 10	Let The People “Move Up”
Sep 17	Let The Church “Move Forward”
Sep 24	Game Time! Let's Go!

- C. **TEXT:** Exodus 18:13-27

One of the core values of our church is Every Member A Minister.

.HOW TO LET THE PASTORS “MOVE OVER”

I. A PASTOR CENTERED MINISTRY IS AN INCORRECT MODEL FOR MINISTRY

- A.** The incorrect role of the pastors is they do most of the ministry. The pastors are “The Ministers”.

“13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.

14 So when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, “What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?”

Exodus 18:13-14

- B.** The reason this occurs is because pastors and members do not understand their God given responsibilities.

“15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God.

16 When they have a [b]difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws.”

Exodus 18:15-16

- C.** The results are harmful for the pastors and the members.

“17 So Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “The thing that you do is not good.

18 Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.”

Exodus 18:17-18

II. A MEMBER CENTERED MINISTRY IS THE CORRECT MODEL FOR MINISTRY

- A.** The role of the pastors is to equip the members to be ministers.

“19 Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.

20 And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.

21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. ...”

Exodus 18:19-22a

“11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

- B.** The reason is obedience.

“...So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.

23 If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace.”

Exodus 18:22b-23

- Jesus did it.

“13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,”

Mark 3:13-14